

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Frederic BESEME, Jean-Luc BLOND, Olivier Former Group Art Unit: 1636  
BOUTON, Bernard MANDRAND, Francois MALLET,  
Herve PERRON

Application No.: New Continuation of U.S. Application Former Examiner: G. Leffers Jr.  
No. 09/446,024

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Docket No.: 105045.01

For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**